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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. REGARDING SOLOMENTSEV VISIT, WE WOULD LIKE SEVERAL SETS OF
PICTURES TO USE FOR PRESENTATION.

2. AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE APPOINTMENT WITH CHRISTOPHER AS
MENTIONED IN PARA 5, STATE 306025.

3. REGARDING LENINGRAD 1686 AND PARA 3, STATE 306025, WE HAVE
CONDUCTED SIMILAR DEBATE WITHIN EMBASSY. IN THIS INSTANCE,
AMBASSADOR INCLINED TO VIEW THAT WE SHOULD NOT NOTIFY SOVIETS.
WALK-IN SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY UNBALANCED CRACKPOT, RATHER
THAN SERIOUS, DEDICATED TERRORIST. IT SEEMS MOST DOUBTFUL THAT
HIS VAGUE REFERENCES TO TERRORIST ACTS REFLECT CONCRETE PLANS
WHICH THE GROUP HE REFERRED TO (IF IT EXISTS) WOULD HAVE DETER-
MINATION AND WHEREWITHAL TO CARRY THROUGH. IF HE IS PROVACATEUR,
THEN LENINGRAD ASSUMED RIGHT POSTURE BY MAKING CLEAR OUR
STRONG DISAPPROVAL AND TOTAL REFUSAL OF INVOLVEMENT. IF HE
IS NOT PROVACATEUR, THEN TURNING HIM IN WOULD SIMPLY SUBJECT
HIM TO PSEUDO-JUDICIAL PERSECUTION WHICH RESPECTS NO RULES
OF EVIDENCE, NOR RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL. UNDER THESE CIRCUM-
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STANCES, TURNING HIM IN COULD BE CONSTRUED AS BORDERING ON
THE IMORAL. THIS CONSIDERATION WOULD WEIGH MUCH MORE
HEAVILY IN OUR MINDS THAN CONSULAR ACCESS).

4. OF COURSE, IF WE HAVE WLKIN WHO DOES SEEM A DEDICATED
TERRORIST AND WHO SPEAKS OF CONCRETE PLANS FOR A SPECIFIC
TERRORIST OCT, OUR DEGREE OF OBLIGATION TOWARD THE SOVIET AUTHOR-

ITIES WOULD BE GREATER AND WE WOULD BE FACED WITH AGAONIZING
DECISION. WE AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT FIRM AND CONCRETE GUIDELINES
PROBABLY CANNOT BE DEvised IN ADVANCE. SUCH A DECISION WOULD
HAVE TO BE MADE AT THE TIME IN LIGHT OF ALL THE FACTS.

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